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I would like to voice my opinion that the proposed Microsoft settlement will do little to effect, in a positive manner, Microsoft's behavior. While breakup of the company may not be the best solution, neither would it appear that a solution at the extreme opposite end of the spectrum provide the best remedy either. I would urge you to persue options that leave Microsoft largely intact but not unscathed. The ability for Microsoft to use it's current embrace/extend/destroy strategy should be limited. I would suggest that Microsoft be required to fairly take part in the commonly accepted standards practices that are used by the computer industry. If Microsoft were not allowed to accept standards piecemeal there would be greater interoperablity in products which would allow users to pick and chose products that provide the best fit for their needs. As it is currently, Microsoft does not allow other products to compete on a level field, reducing consumer choice.

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